Forest Land Diverted (hectare)

Sl. No.	State	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1.	Bihar	0.98	11.62	0.00	4.921	438.668
2.	Orissa	3090.677	681.479	187.917	1388.089	22.70
3.	Chhattisgarh	4660.008	892.864	2309.45	333.673	0.15
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1065.863	182.681	1150.091	419.422	4.348
5.	Jharkhand	1578.142	613.324	131.931	2.25	1.609

(b) While according approvals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, conditions are stipulated to ensure that only minimum number of trees are felled and felling is done in a phased manner as per the requirement.

So far 7075 proposals involving diversion of 5,29,623 hectare of forest land have been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The compensatory afforestation carried out in lieu of the diverted forest land is monitored on a random sampling basis. The percentage survival of the trees under compensatory afforestion depends upon the forest types, topography, edaphic and climatic factors prevailing in the area.

(c) The impact of diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes on wildlife habitat and the population of wild animals cannot be quantified directly. Its impacts are normally manifested in increased crop depredation, man-animal conflict, decreased breeding potential, etc.

Air and water pollution by industrial wastes

3366. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies and factories situated around Mattikere, Mutyala Nagar and adjoining areas in Bangalore are causing air and water pollution;

(b) if so, the details of those companies/factories, and their production;

(c) the details of steps/action taken by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board against such companies; and

(d) the proposed action of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ecological Parks

3367. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any ecological parks in the country, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details and the main features thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up more ecological parks in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Industrial effluents in Godavari

3368. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the River Godavari is being polluted by industries, discharging effluents into the river and by municipal wastes thereinto;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Stretches of river Godavari from downstream of Nasik to Nanded and Nanded city limits in Maharashtra and upstream of Bhadrachalam at Mancharial and Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh are polluted by the discharge of effluents from industries located in Aurnagabad and Nasik in Maharashtra and in the East and West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh. The Class-I cities and Class-II towns are also discharging 258 million litres per day of untreated